

There have so far been no complaints from headmasters or Inspectors of Education that school work has suffered on account of teachers having private tuition work. Government have a right to expect that all those who are employed under them should so do their work that there shall be no room for complaint. This apparently has been done. There was therefore no justification for issuing this circular. The poor village schoolmasters cannot maintain their families—which are generally large—with the insignificant pay they receive from Government. By private tuition, the boys as well as the masters are benefited. Government are interested in every one being properly educated and private tuition helps in this. This circular is therefore very undesirable and Government in allowing this circular to be in force are putting teachers to great hardship. To say that private tuition work will leave a teacher tired and unfit for his work at school is no argument. A teacher no doubt should devote enough time to his school work but should he do nothing else? If that is the idea, teachers should not be allowed to attend to any domestic work or to teach their own children. And to follow the argument to its logical conclusion, it would be necessary to prohibit school-masters from marrying. Government should kindly give full consideration to all these matters and redress the hardship caused by the circular.

Mr. M. Krishnamurti Rao.—Have the Government enforced a similar rule in the other Government Departments? If not, why should a special rule be made in the Education Department?

Dewan.—The circular merely enforces an old rule.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao.—Yes, but it makes it very penal to have any private tuition and says that the Inspector-General's permission should be taken before a teacher undertakes private tuition.

Mr. M. Krishnamurti Rao.—If it is the old rule, the circular may be recalled and the old rule restored.

Reply of Government.—The Inspector-General has been advised to modify the circular so that the Inspecting Officers can give the permission. The old rule will be restored but it is a salutary rule and will be enforced.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao.—A circular was issued on the 20th August 1918 to all schools by the Inspector-General of Education that if a boy has properly attended the classes and is well-behaved he should be promoted to the next higher class. This is a strange idea. Examinations are generally conducted to pick out the candidates eligible for promotion. Regular attendance is not a sufficient reason for promotion. It is also laid down in the

SUBJECT No. 169.

Promotion of students from
class to class.

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circular that for appearing for the public examination a pass in the selection examination should not be required. This is still more novel. If we promote boys from class to class automatically and send up all boys to examinations we may be giving room to other Universities to consider the Mysore University standards lower. This sort of promotion should not be allowed.

Dewan.—The part regarding promotion has been modified by a subsequent circular.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao.—Yes, but one portion of this latter circular practically annuls the other portion. Please see the circular: (Here the member read from the circular).

Dewan.—Your objection is that the modification is not *bona fide*. The part objected to will be ordered to be omitted.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao.—That is the last para of the 2nd circular. Coming to this first circular and the instructions about selection for examinations.

Temporary Member.—The object of examination is to test the capacity of each candidate to follow the lessons in the next higher class. Prior selection is unnecessary.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao.—I am afraid that is not a correct view.

Dewan.—We shall examine that circular again.

Mr. S. Venkatesiah.—Circulars should not be confidential.

Reply of Government.—Instructions have been issued to the Inspector-General of Education.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer.—A Faculty of Religion should be opened in the Mysore University.

Reply of Government.—It is not practicable in a Hindu State like this.

Summary of discussion.—Transfers and promotions of school-masters in the Education Department are at present made without due consideration and to the great detriment of the schools and the school-going population. Greater care and attention may be exercised in this behalf.

Reply of Government.—Subject already discussed. (*Vide* subject No. 115 above.)

Mr. Syed Abdul Rasheed.—In the interests of the efficiency and advancement of Urdu Education in the State, only graduates and under-graduates may be appointed as Assistant Inspectors of Urdu Education.

Reply of Government.—If Mahomedan graduates and under-graduates are available, we shall appoint them.

SUBJECT No. 170.

Faculty of Religion in the Mysore University.

Mr. R. Gopalasami Iyer, District Board Bangalore.

SUBJECT No. 171.

Appointments and postings in the Education Department.

Mr. Ramaswami Sastri, Yedatore, Taluk.

SUBJECT No. 172.

Only graduates and under-graduates to be Assistant Inspectors of Urdu Education.

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